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FOR

**PROCESS FOR DYEING, WITH A LIGHTENING EFFECT, HUMAN KERATIN FIBERS
THAT HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY RESHAPED, USING AT LEAST ONE
COMPOSITION COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE FLUORESCENT DYE**

[001] This application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/468,104, filed May 6, 2003.

[002] Disclosed herein is a process for dyeing keratin fibers that have previously undergone a permanent reshaping process, using at least one composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one fluorescent dye that is soluble in the cosmetically acceptable medium.

[003] In the field of haircare, it is common to need to perform permanent shaping and dyeing steps with only a short time interval, or even immediately one after the other, the shaping operation being performed as the first step. However, such processes may damage the keratin fibers.

[004] For example, one of the conventional processes for reshaping the hair comprises two steps, wherein the first step comprises reducing the disulphide bridges present in the keratin fiber, by using at least one reducing agent. Once these disulphide bridges have been reduced, the hair may then be shaped as desired. This shaping may comprise curling the hair or smoothing it out, the result depending on the means used to place the hair under tension. This tensioning operation may be performed before, during or after applying the reducing composition. Once this first step has been performed, an oxidation step is necessary in order to recreate the disulphide bridges and to stabilize the shape obtained. This operation may be performed in an oxidizing medium.

[005] There is another process for permanently reshaping the hair, which may be applicable, for example, in the case of relaxing the hair, and which may comprise applying to the head of hair, while smoothing it out, a concentrated alkali metal hydroxide solution. During this operation, the keratin fibers may become relatively damaged since it is partially

dissolved in the alkaline solution. Once this treatment has been performed, the hair is rinsed.

[006] It is thus clear that, after treatments of this type, the keratin fibers may be relatively damaged or embrittled and the implementation of a subsequent coloring step may represent a further risk of degradation, this risk being all the more pronounced when it is desired to lighten the fibers.

[007] For example, dyeing processes may be performed in the presence of at least one oxidizing agent, in an alkaline medium. Furthermore, these conditions may be proportionately harsher the greater the desired degree of lightening of the hair.

[008] Thus, the present inventors have proposed a process for dyeing the hair with a lightening effect, performed subsequent to a process for permanently reshaping the hair, which may not substantially contribute towards further degradation of the treated fibers.

[009] It has thus been found that the use of fluorescent dyes, for example, those in the orange range, used after a process for permanently reshaping keratin fibers, may make it possible to obtain uniform aesthetic colorations with at least one good fastness property with respect to external agents, for example, shampooing.

[010] Disclosed herein is thus a process for dyeing, with a lightening effect, human keratin fibers that have previously been subjected to a permanent reshaping process, comprising:

- a) applying at least one composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one fluorescent dye that is soluble in the medium;
- b) leaving the at least one composition on the keratin fibers to act for a time period sufficient to develop a desired coloration and lightening;

- b) optionally rinsing the keratin fibers;
- c) optionally washing the keratin fibers with shampoo and optionally rinsing the keratin fibers; and
- d) drying or leaving to dry the keratin fibers.

[011] However, other characteristics and advantages of the embodiments disclosed herein will emerge more clearly on reading the description and the example that follow.

[012] Unless otherwise indicated, the limits of the ranges of values that are given in the description are included in these ranges.

[013] For the purpose of clarity in the description, the at least one composition used in step a) will first be described.

[014] As has been mentioned previously, the at least one composition comprises at least one fluorescent dye which is soluble in the medium of the at least one composition.

[015] As used herein, the term "fluorescent dye" means a dye which is a molecule that colors by itself, and thus absorbs light in the visible spectrum and possibly in the ultraviolet spectrum (wavelengths ranging from 360 to 760 nanometers), but which, in contrast with a standard dye, converts the absorbed energy into fluorescent light of a longer wavelength emitted in the visible region of the spectrum.

[016] The at least one fluorescent dye disclosed herein is to be differentiated from an optical brightener. Optical brighteners, which are also known as brighteners, fluorescent brighteners, fluorescent brightening agents, fluorescent whitening agents, whiteners or fluorescent whiteners, are colorless transparent compounds. Optical brighteners do not dye because they do not absorb light in the visible region, but only in the ultraviolet region (wavelengths ranging from 200 to 400 nanometers), and convert the absorbed energy into fluorescent light of a longer wavelength emitted in the visible region of the spectrum. The

color impression is then generated solely by purely fluorescent light that is predominantly blue (wavelengths ranging from 400 to 500 nanometers).

[017] Finally, the at least one fluorescent dye used in the at least one composition is soluble in the medium of the at least one composition. It should be pointed out that the at least one fluorescent dye differs from a fluorescent pigment, which itself is insoluble in the medium of the at least one composition.

[018] In one embodiment, the at least one fluorescent dye used in the at least one composition, which is optionally neutralized, is soluble in the medium of the at least one composition to at least 0.001 g/l, for example, to at least 0.5 g/l, further, for example, to at least 1 g/l and, even further, for example, to at least 5 g/l at a temperature ranging from 15 to 25°C.

[019] The at least one fluorescent dye which may be used can be, for example, chosen from dyes in the orange range.

[020] For example, the at least one fluorescent dye may lead to a reflectance maximum that is in the wavelength range of from 500 to 650 nanometers and, for example, in the wavelength range of from 550 to 620 nanometers.

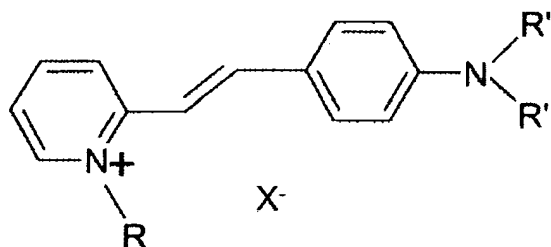
[021] The at least one fluorescent dye may be chosen from compounds that are known per se.

[022] For example, the at least one fluorescent dye that may be used may be chosen from naphthalimides; cationic and non-cationic coumarins; xanthenodiquinolizines (such as sulphorhodamines); azaxanthenes; naphtholactams; azlactones; oxazines; thiazines; dioxazines; azo, azomethine and methine monocationic, and azo, azomethine and methine polycationic fluorescent dyes. For example, the at least one fluorescent dye may be chosen from naphthalimides; cationic and non-cationic coumarins; azaxanthenes;

naphtholactams; azlactones; oxazines; thiazines; dioxazines; azo, azomethine and methine monocationic fluorescent dyes, and azo, azomethine and methine polycationic fluorescent dyes.

[023] For example, the at least one fluorescent dye may be chosen from:

- compounds having the following structure:

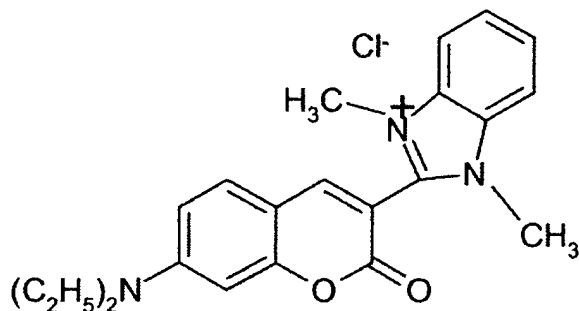


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wherein R is chosen from methyl and ethyl radicals; R' is a methyl radical; and X⁻ is chosen from anions such as iodide, sulphate and methosulphate.

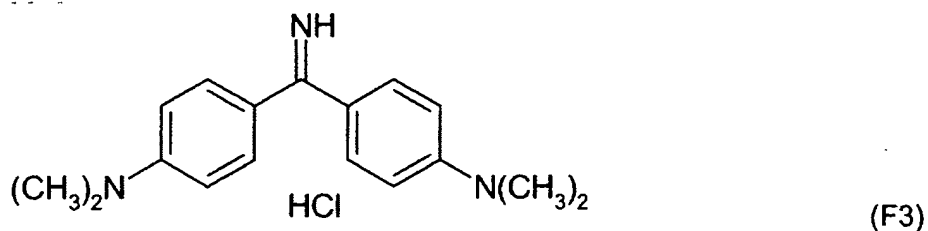
[024] An example of a compound of this type is Photosensitizing Dye NK-557 sold by the company Ubichem, wherein R is an ethyl radical, R' is a methyl radical and X⁻ is iodide.

- Brilliant Yellow B6GL sold by the company Sandoz and having the following formula (F2):



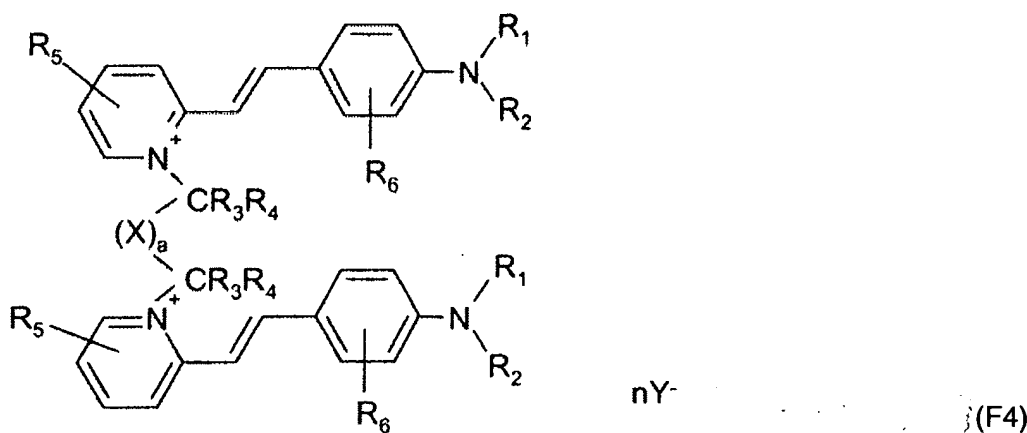
(F2)

- Basic Yellow 2, and Auramine O, sold by the companies Prolabo, Aldrich and Carlo Erba and having the following formula (F3):



4,4'-(imidocarbonyl)bis(N,N-dimethylaniline) monohydrochloride - CAS number 2465-27-2.

[025] Further examples include compounds having the following formula (F4):



wherein:

- R_1 and R_2 , which may be identical or different, are each chosen from:

- a hydrogen atom;
- linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, such as, from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, wherein said alkyl radicals are optionally interrupted and/or substituted with at least one entity chosen from hetero atoms and from groups comprising at least one hetero atom and/or wherein said alkyl radicals are substituted with at least one halogen atom;
- aryl and arylalkyl radicals, wherein the aryl group comprises 6 carbon atoms and the alkyl group comprises from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; wherein the aryl radical is optionally substituted with at least one radical chosen from linear

and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, wherein the at least one radical is optionally interrupted and/or substituted with at least one entity chosen from hetero atoms and from groups comprising at least one hetero atom and/or wherein the at least one radical is optionally substituted with at least one halogen atom;

- R_1 and R_2 may optionally form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a heterocycle and may comprise at least one other hetero atom, wherein the heterocycle is optionally substituted with at least one alkyl radical chosen from linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising, for example, from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, wherein the at least one alkyl radical is optionally interrupted and/or substituted with at least one entity chosen from hetero atoms and groups comprising at least one hetero atom and/or wherein the at least one alkyl radical is optionally substituted with at least one halogen atom; and
- R_1 or R_2 may optionally form together with the nitrogen to which it is attached and one of the carbon atoms of the phenyl group bearing the nitrogen atom, a heterocycle;

[026] R_3 and R_4 , which may be identical or different, are each chosen from a hydrogen atom and alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

[027] R_5 , which may be identical or different, is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom and linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, optionally interrupted with at least one hetero atom;

[028] R_6 , which may be identical or different, is chosen from a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; and linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

wherein the alkyl radicals are optionally substituted and/or interrupted with at least one entity chosen from hetero atoms and groups bearing at least one hetero atom and/or wherein the alkyl radicals are optionally substituted with at least one halogen atom;

[029] X is chosen from:

- linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 14 carbon atoms and alkenyl radicals comprising from 2 to 14 carbon atoms, wherein the alkyl radicals and the alkenyl radicals are optionally interrupted and/or substituted with at least one entity chosen from hetero atoms and from groups comprising at least one hetero atom and/or wherein said radicals are optionally substituted with at least one halogen atom;
- 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic radicals optionally substituted with at least one alkyl radical chosen from linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 14 carbon atoms, wherein the at least one alkyl radical is optionally substituted with at least one entity chosen from hetero atoms; with linear and branched aminoalkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with at least one hetero atom; and/or with at least one halogen atom;
- fused and non-fused aromatic and diaromatic radicals, optionally separated with at least one alkyl radical comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, wherein the aromatic and diaromatic radicals are optionally substituted with at least one entity chosen from halogen atoms and alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 10 carbon atoms optionally substituted and/or interrupted with at least one entity chosen from hetero atoms and from groups bearing at least one hetero atom;

- a dicarbonyl radical; and
- wherein the group X possibly bears at least one cationic charge;

- a is equal to 0 or 1;

[030] Y⁻, which may be identical or different, is chosen from organic and mineral anions;

[031] n is an integer equal to at least 2 and at most equal to the number of cationic charges present in the at least one fluorescent dye.

[032] As used herein, the term "hetero atom" means an oxygen or nitrogen atom.

[033] Examples of groups bearing such atoms include, inter alia, hydroxyl, alkoxy, carbonyl, amino, ammonium, amido (-N-CO-) and carboxyl (-O-CO- or -CO-O-) groups.

[034] As used herein, the term "alkenyl groups" means groups that comprise at least one unsaturated carbon-carbon bond (-C=C-) and, for example, only one carbon-carbon double bond.

[035] In formula (F4), the radicals R₁ and R₂, which may be identical or different, may, for example, be chosen from:

- a hydrogen atom;
- alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, for example, from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and, further, for example, from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, optionally interrupted with an oxygen atom and/or optionally substituted with at least one entity chosen from hydroxyl, amino and ammonium radicals and from chlorine and fluorine atoms; and
- benzyl and phenyl radicals optionally substituted with at least one radical chosen from alkyl and alkoxy radicals comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms and, for example, comprising 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

[036] R_1 and R_2 may form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, at least one heterocyclic radical chosen from pyrrolo, pyrrolidino, imidazolino, imidazolo, imidazolium, pyrazolino, piperazino, morpholino, morpholo, pyrazolo and triazolo heterocyclic radicals, optionally substituted with at least one alkyl radical chosen from linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted and/or substituted with at least one entity chosen from nitrogen and oxygen atoms and from groups bearing at least one atom chosen from nitrogen and oxygen atoms.

[037] With regard to the abovementioned amino and ammonium radicals, the radicals borne by the nitrogen atom may be identical or different and may, for example, be chosen from a hydrogen atom, C_1 - C_{10} , for example, C_1 - C_4 , alkyl radicals and arylalkyl radicals wherein, for example, the aryl radical comprises 6 carbon atoms and the alkyl radical comprises from 1 to 10 carbon atoms and, for example, from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

[038] In one embodiment, the radicals R_1 and R_2 , which may be identical or different, may each be chosen from a hydrogen atom; linear and branched C_1 - C_6 alkyl radicals; C_2 - C_6 alkyl radicals substituted with at least one hydroxyl radical; C_2 - C_6 alkyl radicals bearing at least one group chosen from amino and ammonium groups; C_2 - C_6 chloroalkyl radicals; C_2 - C_6 alkyl radicals interrupted with at least one entity chosen from an oxygen atom and from groups bearing at least one oxygen atom, for example, an ester group; aromatic radicals, for example, phenyl, benzyl and 4-methylphenyl; heterocyclic radicals such as pyrrolo, pyrrolidino, imidazolo, imidazolino, imidazolium, piperazino, morpholo, morpholino, pyrazolo and triazolo radicals, optionally substituted with at least one radical chosen from C_1 - C_6 alkyl and aromatic radicals.

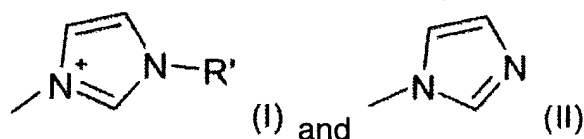
[039] In another embodiment, the radicals R_1 and R_2 , which may be identical or different, may each be chosen from a hydrogen atom, linear and branched C_1 - C_6 alkyl

radicals such as methyl, ethyl, n-butyl and n-propyl radicals; 2-hydroxyethyl; alkyltrimethylammonium and alkyltriethylammonium radicals, wherein the alkyl radical is chosen from linear C₂-C₆ alkyl radicals; (di)alkylmethylamino and (di)alkylethylamino radicals, wherein the alkyl radical is chosen from linear C₁-C₆ alkyl radicals; -CH₂CH₂Cl; -(CH₂)_n-OCH₃ and -(CH₂)_n-OCH₂CH₃ wherein n is an integer ranging from 2 to 6; -CH₂CH₂-OCOCH₃; and -CH₂CH₂COOCH₃.

[040] For example, the radicals R₁ and R₂, which may be identical or different, and in one embodiment may be identical, may be chosen from a methyl radical and an ethyl radical.

[041] The radicals R₁ and R₂, which may be identical or different, may also be chosen from pyrrolidino, 3-aminopyrrolidino, 3-(dimethyl)aminopyrrolidino, 3-(trimethyl)aminopyrrolidino, 2,5-dimethylpyrrolo, 1H-imidazo, 4-methylpiperazino, 4-benzylpiperazino, morpholo, 3,5-(tert-butyl)-1H-pyrazolo, 1H-pyrazolo and 1H-1,2,4-triazolo heterocyclic radicals.

[042] The radicals R₁ and R₂, which may be identical or different, may also form a heterocycle chosen from heterocycles of formulae (I) and (II) below:



wherein R' is chosen from a hydrogen atom, C₁-C₃ alkyl radicals, -CH₂CH₂OH, and -CH₂CH₂OCH₃.

[043] In another embodiment, R₅, which may be identical or different, may be chosen from a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, and linear and branched

alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms optionally interrupted with at least one atom chosen from oxygen and nitrogen atoms.

[044] The substituent R_5 , if it is not a hydrogen atom, may, for example, be in at least one position chosen from 3 and 5 relative to the carbon of the ring bearing the nitrogen substituted with the radicals R_1 and R_2 , and may, for example, be in position 3 relative to that carbon.

[045] For example, the radicals R_5 , which may be identical or different, may each be chosen from a hydrogen atom; linear and branched C_1 - C_4 alkyl radicals; $-O-R_{51}$ wherein R_{51} is chosen from linear C_1 - C_4 alkyl radicals; $-R_{52}-O-CH_3$ wherein R_{52} is chosen from linear C_2 - C_3 alkyl radicals; $-R_{53}-N(R_{54})_2$ wherein R_{53} is chosen from linear C_2 - C_3 alkyl radicals and R_{54} , which may be identical or different, is chosen from a hydrogen atom and a methyl radical.

[046] For example, R_5 , which may be identical or different, may be chosen from a hydrogen atom and methyl and methoxy radicals. In one embodiment, R_5 may be a hydrogen atom.

[047] In another embodiment, the radicals R_6 , which may be identical or different, may be chosen from a hydrogen atom; linear and branched C_1 - C_4 alkyl radicals; $-X$ wherein X is chosen from chlorine, bromine and fluorine atoms; $-R_{61}-O-R_{62}$ wherein R_{61} is chosen from linear C_2 - C_3 alkyl radicals and R_{62} is a methyl radical; $-R_{63}-N(R_{64})_2$ wherein R_{63} is chosen from linear C_2 - C_3 alkyl radicals and R_{64} , which may be identical or different, is chosen from a hydrogen atom and a methyl radical; $-N(R_{65})_2$ wherein R_{65} , which may be identical or different, is chosen from a hydrogen atom and linear C_2 - C_3 alkyl radicals; $-NHCOR_{66}$ wherein R_{66} is chosen from C_1 - C_2 alkyl radicals, C_1 - C_2 chloroalkyl radicals,

radicals $-R_{67}-NH_2$, $-R_{67}-NH(CH_3)$, $-R_{67}-N(CH_3)_2$, $-R_{67}-N^+(CH_3)_3$, and $-R_{67}-N^+(CH_2CH_3)_3$ wherein R_{67} is chosen from C_1 - C_2 alkyl radicals.

[048] The substituent R_6 , if it is not a hydrogen atom, may, for example, be in at least one position chosen from positions 2 and 4 relative to the nitrogen atom of the pyridinium ring, and, in one embodiment, may be in position 4 relative to the nitrogen atom.

[049] For example, the radicals R_6 , which may be identical or different, may be chosen from a hydrogen atom and methyl and ethyl radicals, and R_6 may, for example, be a hydrogen atom.

[050] With regard to the radicals R_3 and R_4 , these radicals, which may be identical or different, may each, for example, be chosen from a hydrogen atom and alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms and, for example, a methyl radical. For example, R_3 and R_4 may each be a hydrogen atom.

[051] As mentioned above, X may be chosen from:

- linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 14 carbon atoms and alkenyl radicals comprising from 2 to 14 carbon atoms, wherein the alkyl radicals and the alkenyl radicals are optionally interrupted and/or substituted with at least one entity chosen from hetero atoms and from groups comprising at least one hetero atom and/or wherein the radicals are substituted with at least one halogen atom;
- 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic radicals optionally substituted with at least one alkyl radical chosen from linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 14 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with at least one hetero atom; with linear and branched aminoalkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with at least one hetero atom; and/or with at least one

halogen atom;

- fused and non-fused aromatic and diaromatic radicals, optionally separated with at least one alkyl radical comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, wherein the aromatic and diaromatic radicals are optionally substituted with at least one entity chosen from halogen atoms and alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 10 carbon atoms optionally substituted and/or interrupted with at least one entity chosen from hetero atoms and from groups bearing at least one hetero atom; and
- a dicarbonyl radical.

[052] In addition, the group X may bear at least one cationic charge.

[053] Thus, X may be chosen from linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 14 carbon atoms and alkenyl radicals comprising from 2 to 14 carbon atoms, wherein the alkyl radicals and the alkenyl radicals may be substituted and/or interrupted with at least one entity chosen from oxygen and nitrogen atoms, from groups bearing at least one hetero atom, and from fluorine and chlorine atoms.

[054] Examples of such groups include hydroxyl, alkoxy (for example, having from 1-4 carbon atoms), amino, ammonium, amido, carbonyl and carboxyl groups (-COO- or -O-CO-) for example, with an alkyloxy radical.

[055] It should be noted that the nitrogen atom, if it is present, may be in a quaternized or non-quaternized form. In this case, the other radical or the other two radicals borne by the quaternized or non-quaternized nitrogen atom may be identical or different and may be chosen from a hydrogen atom and C₁-C₄ alkyl radicals, for example, a methyl radical.

[056] According to another embodiment, the group X is chosen from 5- and 6-membered heterocyclic imidazolo, pyrazolo, triazino and pyridino radicals, optionally substituted with at least one linear or branched alkyl radical comprising from 1 to 14 carbon atoms, for example, from 1 to 10 carbon atoms and, for example, from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; with at least one linear or branched aminoalkyl radical comprising from 1 to 10 carbon atoms and, for example, from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with at least one group comprising at least one hetero atom (for example, at least one hydroxyl radical); and/or optionally substituted with a halogen atom. For example, the amino group may be linked to the heterocycle.

[057] In yet another embodiment, the group X is chosen from aromatic radicals (for example, comprising 6 carbon atoms) and fused and non-fused diaromatic radicals (for example, comprising from 10 to 12 carbon atoms), possibly separated with at least one alkyl radical comprising 1 to 4 carbon atoms, wherein the aromatic and diaromatic radicals are optionally substituted with at least one entity chosen from a halogen atom and alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 10 carbon atoms and, for example, from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, wherein said alkyl radicals are optionally interrupted with at least one entity chosen from oxygen and nitrogen atoms and from groups comprising at least one hetero atom, for example, carbonyl, carboxyl, amido, amino and ammonium radicals.

[058] It should be noted that the aromatic radical, for example, a phenyl radical, is linked to the groups CR_3R_4 via bonds in positions 1,2; 1,3 or 1,4 and, for example, in positions 1,3 and 1,4. If the phenyl radical linked via bonds in positions 1,4 bears one or two substituents, this or these substituent(s) may, for example, be located in position 1,4 relative to one of the groups CR_3R_4 . If the phenyl radical linked via bonds in positions 1,3

bears one or two substituents, this or these substituents may, for example, be located in position 1 and/or 3 relative to one of the groups CR_3R_4 .

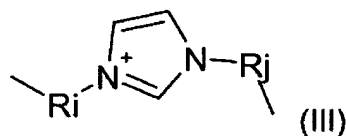
[059] When the radical is diaromatic, it may, for example, be non-fused and comprise two phenyl radicals possibly separated with a single bond (i.e., a carbon of each of the two rings) or with at least one alkyl radical, for example, a CH_2 or $C(CH_3)_2$ alkyl radical. In one embodiment, the aromatic radicals do not bear a substituent. It should be noted that the diaromatic radical is linked to the groups CR_3R_4 via bonds in positions 4,4'.

[060] Examples of group X include linear and branched alkyl radicals comprising from 1 to 13 carbon atoms, such as methylene, ethylene, propylene, isopropylene, n-butylene, pentylene and hexylene; 2-hydroxypropylene and 2-hydroxy-n-butylene; C_1 - C_{13} alkylene radicals substituted and/or interrupted with at least one entity chosen from nitrogen and oxygen atoms and from groups bearing at least one hetero atom (hydroxyl, amino, ammonium, carbonyl and carboxyl, for example), such as $-CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2-$, 1,6-dideoxy-d-mannitol, $-CH_2N^+(CH_3)_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2N^+(CH_3)_2-(CH_2)_6N^+(CH_3)_2-CH_2CH_2-$, CO-CO-, 3,3-dimethylpentylene, 2-acetoxyethylene, butylene-1,2,3,4-tetraol; $-CH=CH-$; aromatic and diaromatic radicals substituted with at least one entity chosen from alkyl radicals, from groups bearing at least one atom chosen from hetero atoms and from at least one halogen atom, such as 1,4-phenylene, 1,3-phenylene, 1,2-phenylene, 2,6-fluorobenzene, 4,4'-biphenylene, 1,3-(5-methylbenzene), 1,2-bis(2-methoxy)benzene, bis(4-phenyl)methane, methyl 3,4-benzoate and 1,4-bis(amidomethyl)phenyl; heterocyclic radicals such as pyridine, and derivatives such as 2,6-bispyridine, imidazole, imidazolium and triazine.

[061] In another embodiment, X is chosen from linear and branched C_1 - C_{13} alkyl radicals; $-CH_2CH(OH)CH_2-$; $-CH_2CH(Cl)CH_2-$; $-CH_2CH_2-OCOCH_2-$; $-CH_2CH_2COOCH_2-$; and

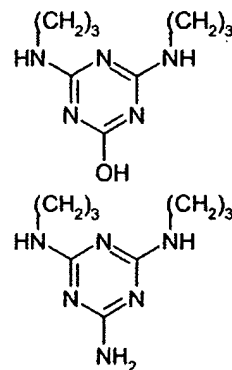
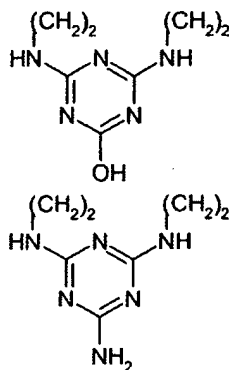
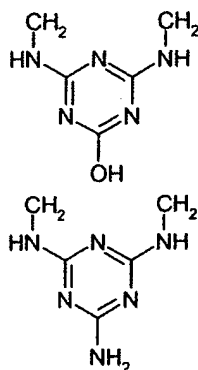
-Ra-O-Rb- wherein Ra is chosen from linear C₂-C₆ alkyl radicals and Rb is chosen from linear C₁-C₂ alkyl radicals; -Rc-N(Rd)-Re- wherein Rc is chosen from C₂-C₉ alkyl radicals, Rd is chosen from a hydrogen atom and C₁-C₂ alkyl radicals and Re is chosen from C₁-C₆ alkyl radicals; -Rf-N⁺(Rg)₂-Rh- wherein Rf is chosen from linear C₂-C₉ alkyl radicals, Rg, which may, for example, be identical, is chosen from C₁-C₂ alkyl radicals and Rh is chosen from linear C₁-C₆ alkyl radicals; and -CO-CO-.

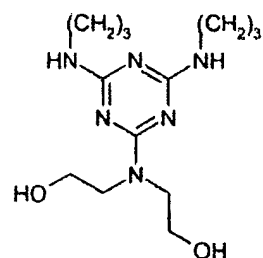
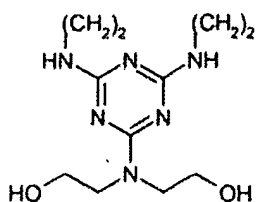
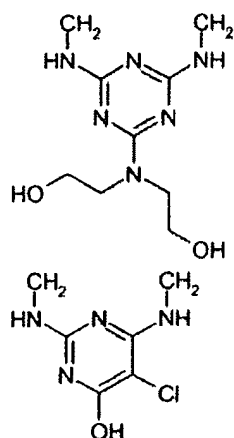
[062] X may be an imidazole radical, optionally substituted with at least one alkyl radical comprising from 1 to 14 carbon atoms, for example, from 1 to 10 carbon atoms and, for example, from 1 to 4 carbon atoms wherein, for example, X may be chosen from divalent radicals having the following formula;



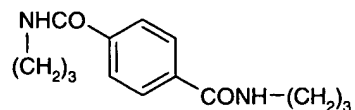
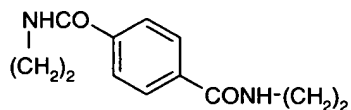
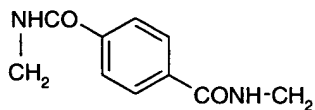
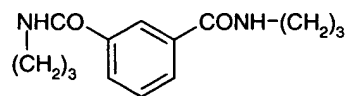
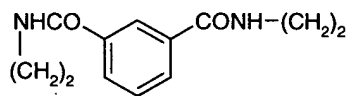
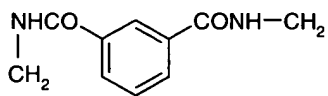
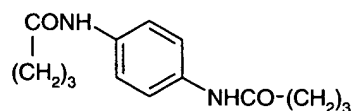
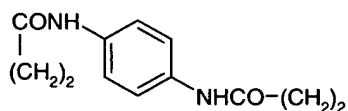
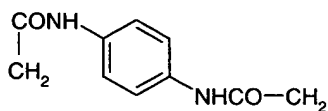
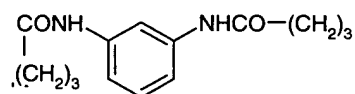
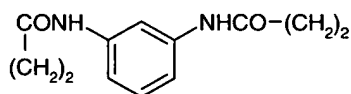
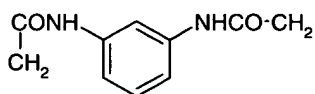
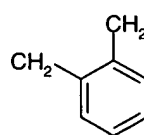
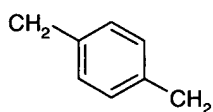
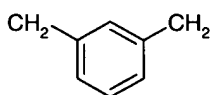
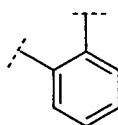
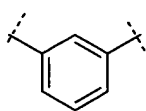
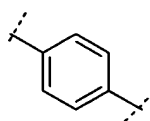
wherein Ri and Rj, which may be identical or different, are each chosen from linear C₁-C₆ alkyl radicals;

[063] X may similarly be chosen from the divalent triazine-based radicals below:





[064] X may also, for example, be chosen from the divalent aromatic radicals below:



[065] In formula (F4), Y^- is chosen from organic and mineral anions. If there are several anions Y^- , these anions may be identical or different.

[066] Non-limiting examples of anions of mineral origin include anions derived from halogen atoms, such as chlorides, and iodides, sulphates and bisulphates, nitrates, phosphates, hydrogen phosphates, dihydrogen phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates.

[067] Non-limiting examples of anions of organic origin include anions derived from the salts of saturated and unsaturated, aromatic and non-aromatic monocarboxylic and polycarboxylic, sulphonic and sulphuric acids, optionally substituted with at least one entity chosen from hydroxyl and amino radicals, and halogen atoms. Further non-limiting examples include acetates, hydroxyacetates, aminoacetates, (tri)chloroacetates, benzoxyacetates, propionates and derivatives thereof bearing at least one chlorine atom, fumarates, oxalates, acrylates, malonates, succinates, lactates, tartrates, glycolates, citrates, benzoates and derivatives thereof bearing at least one radical chosen from methyl and amino radicals, alkyl sulphates, tosylates, benzenesulphonates, and toluene-sulphonates.

[068] For example, the anion(s) Y , which may be identical or different, may be chosen from chloride, sulphate, methosulphate and ethosulphate.

[069] Finally, the integer n is at least equal to 2 and at most equal to the number of cationic charges present in the at least one fluorescent dye.

[070] For example, the at least one fluorescent dye that has just been described in detail is a symmetrical compound.

[071] The at least one fluorescent dye may be synthesized by reacting, in a first step, α -picoline with a reagent comprising two leaving groups that may be chosen from

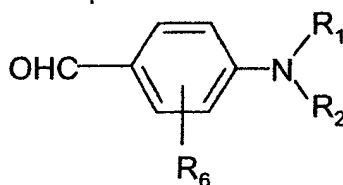
halogen atoms, for example, bromine, and optionally chlorine, and tolylsulphonyl and methanesulphonyl groups.

[072] This first step may take place in the presence of a solvent, although this is not obligatory, for example, dimethylformamide.

[073] The number of moles of α -picoline is generally in the region of 2 per mole of reagent comprising the leaving groups.

[074] In addition, the reaction is usually performed at the reflux temperature of the reagent and/or of the solvent if a solvent is present.

[075] The product derived from this first step is then placed in contact with a corresponding aldehyde having the following formula:



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_6 have the same meanings as indicated above.

[076] In this case also, the reaction may be performed in the presence of a suitable solvent, which may, for example, be at reflux.

[077] It should be noted that the radicals R_1 and R_2 of the aldehyde may have the meaning indicated in formula (F4) detailed previously.

[078] It is also possible to use an aldehyde for which the radicals, R_1 and R_2 , are hydrogen atoms and to perform, in accordance with standard methods, the substitution of these hydrogen atoms with suitable radicals as described in formula (F4) once the second step is complete.

[079] Reference may be made, for example, to syntheses as described in U.S. Patent No. 4 256 458, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

[080] The at least one fluorescent dye may be present in the composition disclosed herein in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 20% by weight, for example, from 0.05% to 10% by weight, and further, for example, from 0.1% to 5% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

[081] The cosmetically acceptable medium may, for example, be chosen from water and mixtures of water and at least one common organic solvent.

[082] The at least organic solvent may, for example, be chosen from alcohols such as ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, benzyl alcohol and phenylethyl alcohol, and glycols and glycol ethers, for example, ethylene glycol monomethyl ether, monoethyl ether and monobutyl ether, propylene glycol and ethers thereof, for example, propylene glycol monomethyl ether, butylene glycol, dipropylene glycol and diethylene glycol alkyl ethers, for example, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether and monobutyl ether, and polyols, for example, glycerol. Polyethylene glycols and polypropylene glycols, and mixtures of all these compounds, may also be used as the at least one organic solvent.

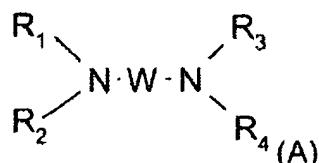
[083] The at least one organic solvent, if present, is present in an amount ranging from 1% to 40% by weight and, for example, from 5% to 30% by weight, relative to the total weight of the at least one composition.

[084] The pH of the at least one composition may, for example, range from 3 to 12 and further, for example, from 5 to 11.

[085] It may be adjusted to the desired value by means of acidifying or basifying agents.

[086] Examples of acidifying agents that may be used include mineral and organic acids, for example, hydrochloric acid, orthophosphoric acid, sulphuric acid, carboxylic acids, for example, acetic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid and lactic acid, and sulphonamic acids.

[087] Examples of basifying agents include aqueous ammonia, alkaline carbonates, alkanolamines such as monoethanolamine, diethanolamine and triethanolamine and derivatives thereof, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide and the compounds of formula (A) below:



wherein W is chosen from propylene residues optionally substituted with at least one entity chosen from hydroxyl groups and C₁-C₆ alkyl radicals; R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄, which may be identical or different, are each chosen from a hydrogen atom and C₁-C₆ alkyl and C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl radicals.

[088] In one embodiment, the at least one composition may comprise, in addition to the at least one fluorescent dye, at least one additional non-fluorescent direct dye chosen from nonionic, cationic and anionic direct dyes, which may be chosen, for example, from nitrobenzene dyes.

[089] The following red or orange nitrobenzene direct dyes are examples of direct dyes which may be used herein as additional non-fluorescent direct dyes:

- 1-hydroxy-3-nitro-4-N-(γ-hydroxypropyl)aminobenzene,
- N-(β-hydroxyethyl)amino-3-nitro-4-aminobenzene,
- 1-amino-3-methyl-4-N-(β-hydroxyethyl)amino-6-nitrobenzene,
- 1-hydroxy-3-nitro-4-N-(β-hydroxyethyl)aminobenzene,
- 1,4-diamino-2-nitrobenzene,
- 1-amino-2-nitro-4-methylaminobenzene,
- N-(β-hydroxyethyl)-2-nitro-para-phenylenediamine,

- 1-amino-2-nitro-4-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-5-chlorobenzene,
- 2-nitro-4-aminodiphenylamine,
- 1-amino-3-nitro-6-hydroxybenzene,
- 1-(β -aminoethyl)amino-2-nitro-4-(β -hydroxyethyloxy)benzene,
- 1-(β,γ -dihydroxypropyl)oxy-3-nitro-4-(β -hydroxyethyl)aminobenzene,
- 1-hydroxy-3-nitro-4-aminobenzene,
- 1-hydroxy-2-amino-4,6-dinitrobenzene,
- 1-methoxy-3-nitro-4-(β -hydroxyethyl)aminobenzene,
- 2-nitro-4'-hydroxydiphenylamine and
- 1-amino-2-nitro-4-hydroxy-5-methylbenzene.

[090] The at least one composition disclosed herein may also comprise, in addition to or in replacement of these nitrobenzene dyes, at least one additional direct dye chosen from yellow, green-yellow, blue and violet nitrobenzene dyes, nitrobenzene dyes, azo dyes, anthraquinone dyes, naphthoquinone dyes, benzoquinone dyes, phenothiazine dyes, indigoid dyes, xanthene dyes, phenanthridine dyes and phthalocyanin dyes, and triarylmethane-based dyes.

[091] The at least one additional direct dye may also, for example, be chosen from basic dyes. Examples of basic dyes include the dyes known in the Color Index, 3rd edition, under the names "Basic Brown 16", "Basic Brown 17", "Basic Yellow 57", "Basic Red 76", "Basic Violet 10", "Basic Blue 26" and "Basic Blue 99", and acidic direct dyes, for example, the dyes known in the Color Index, 3rd edition, under the names "Acid Orange 7", "Acid Orange 24", "Acid Yellow 36", "Acid Red 33", "Acid Red 184", "Acid Black 2", "Acid Violet 43" and "Acid Blue 62", and cationic direct dyes such as those described in patent documents

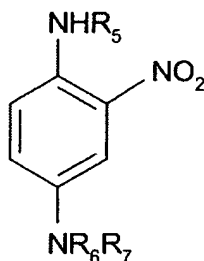
WO 95/01772, WO 95/15144 and EP 714 954, the content of which relating to such cationic direct dyes is incorporated herein by reference.

[092] The yellow and green-yellow nitrobenzene direct dyes that may be used, for example, may be chosen from the following compounds:

- 1- β -hydroxyethyloxy-3-methylamino-4-nitrobenzene,
- 1-methylamino-2-nitro-5-(β,γ -dihydroxypropyl)oxybenzene,
- 1-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-2-methoxy-4-nitrobenzene,
- 1-(β -aminoethyl)amino-2-nitro-5-methoxybenzene,
- 1,3-di(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-4-nitro-6-chlorobenzene,
- 1-amino-2-nitro-6-methylbenzene,
- 1-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-2-hydroxy-4-nitrobenzene,
- N-(β -hydroxyethyl)-2-nitro-4-trifluoromethylaniline,
- 4-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-3-nitrobenzenesulphonic acid,
- 4-ethylamino-3-nitrobenzoic acid,
- 4-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-3-nitrochlorobenzene,
- 4-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-3-nitromethylbenzene,
- 4-(β,γ -dihydroxypropyl)amino-3-nitrotrifluoromethylbenzene,
- 1-(β -ureidoethyl)amino-4-nitrobenzene,
- 1,3-diamino-4-nitrobenzene,
- 1-hydroxy-2-amino-5-nitrobenzene,
- 1-amino-2-[tris(hydroxymethyl)methyl]amino-5-nitrobenzene,
- 1-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-2-nitrobenzene and
- 4-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-3-nitrobenzamide.

[093] The blue and violet nitrobenzene direct dyes that may be used, may for example, be chosen from the following compounds:

- 1-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-4-N,N-bis(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-2-nitrobenzene,
- 1-(γ -hydroxypropyl)amino-4,N,N-bis(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-2-nitrobenzene,
- 1-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-4-(N-methyl-N- β -hydroxyethyl)amino-2-nitrobenzene,
- 1-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-4-(N-ethyl-N- β -hydroxyethyl)amino-2-nitrobenzene,
- 1-(β,γ -dihydroxypropyl)amino-4-(N-ethyl-N- β -hydroxyethyl)amino-2-nitrobenzene,
- 2-nitroparaphenylenediamines having the following formula:



wherein:

- R_6 is chosen from C_1 - C_4 alkyl radicals and β -hydroxyethyl, β -hydroxypropyl and γ -hydroxypropyl radicals;
- R_5 and R_7 , which may be identical or different, are each chosen from β -hydroxyethyl, β -hydroxypropyl, γ -hydroxypropyl and β,γ -dihydroxypropyl radicals, wherein at least one of the radicals R_6 , R_7 or R_5 is a γ -hydroxypropyl radical and R_6 and R_7 are not simultaneously a β -hydroxyethyl radical when R_5 is a γ -hydroxypropyl radical, such as those described in patent document FR 2 692 572.

[094] The at least one additional direct dye, if present, is present in an amount ranging from 0.0005% to 12% by weight, relative to the total weight of the at least one

composition, and, for example, from 0.005% to 6% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

[095] The at least one composition disclosed herein may also comprise at least one adjuvant chosen from various conventionally used adjuvants. For example, the at least one adjuvant may be chosen from anionic, cationic, nonionic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants, anionic, cationic, nonionic, amphoteric and zwitterionic polymers, mineral thickeners, antioxidants, penetrating agents, sequestering agents, fragrances, buffers, dispersants, conditioners, film-forming agents, ceramides, preserving agents, stabilizers and opacifiers.

[096] When surfactants are present, nonionic, anionic and/or amphoteric surfactants may, for example, be used. These surfactants may, for example, be chosen from at least one of alkyl sulphates, alkyl ether sulphates, betaines, imidazolium derivatives, alkylpyrrolidones, oxyalkylenated and glycerolated fatty alkyl ethers, fatty acid esters of monoalcohols and of polyols, optionally oxyalkylenated and glycerolated. For example, the surfactants may be present in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 30% by weight, for example, from 0.1% to 20% by weight, and, further, for example, from 0.2% to 10% by weight, relative to the total weight of the at least one composition.

[097] The at least one composition may further comprise at least one thickener. For example, the at least one thickener may be chosen from thickening systems based on associative polymers that are well known to those skilled in the art, for example, nonionic, anionic, cationic and amphoteric thickeners. For example, the at least one thickener may be chosen from crosslinked acrylic acid homopolymers; partially and totally neutralized crosslinked homopolymers and copolymers of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid; ammonium acrylate homopolymers and copolymers; quaternized dimethylaminoethyl

methacrylate homopolymers and copolymers; nonionic guar gums, biopolysaccharide gums of microbial origin (scleroglucan gum and xanthan gum), derived from plant exudates (gum arabic, ghatti gum, karaya gum and gum tragacanth); hydroxypropyl and carboxymethyl cellulose; pectins; and alginates.

[098] The at least one thickener, if present, is present in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 10% by weight, and, for example, from 0.1% to 5% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

[099] It should furthermore be noted that the composition disclosed herein may comprise at least one conditioning agent. For example, the at least one conditioning agent may be chosen from cations, volatile and non-volatile, modified and unmodified silicones, oils, associative polyurethane derivatives, associative cellulose derivatives, associative polyvinyl lactam derivatives and associative unsaturated polyacid derivatives.

[0100] If present, the at least one conditioning agent is present in an amount ranging from 0.0025% to 10% by weight, and further, for example, from 0.025% to 10% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

[0101] Needless to say, a person skilled in the art will take care to select this or these optional additional compound(s) such that the advantageous properties intrinsically associated with the composition disclosed herein is not, or are not substantially, adversely affected by the envisaged addition(s).

[0102] The composition disclosed herein may be in various forms such as in a form chosen from liquids, shampoos, creams, gels, and any other suitable form.

[0103] In one embodiment, the composition disclosed herein is in the form of a lightening dye shampoo comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable aqueous medium, at least one fluorescent dye that is soluble in the medium.

[0104] As has been mentioned above, the process of dyeing human keratin fibers with a lightening effect as disclosed herein comprises:

- a) applying to said keratin fibers at least one composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one fluorescent dye that is soluble in the medium;
- b) leaving the at least one composition on the keratin fibers to act for a time period sufficient to develop desired coloration and lightening;
- b) optionally rinsing the keratin fibers;
- c) optionally washing the keratin fibers with shampoo and optionally rinsing the keratin fibers; and
- d) drying or leaving to dry the keratin fibers.

[0105] As used herein, the term "human keratin fibers" means the hair. For example, the process disclosed herein may be used for treating hair which has been artificially dyed or pigmented.

[0106] As used herein, the expression "artificially dyed or pigmented hair" means hair whose tone height is less than or equal to 6 (dark blond) and, for example, less than or equal to 4 (chestnut-brown).

[0107] The lightening of the hair is evaluated by the "tone height", which describes the degree or level of lightening. The notion of "tone" is based on the classification of the natural shades, one tone separating each shade from the shade immediately following or preceding it. This definition and the classification of the natural shades are well known to hairstyling professionals and are published in the book "Sciences des Traitements Capillaires [Hair Treatment Sciences]" by Charles Zviak, 1988, published by Masson, pp.

215 and 278; the disclosure relating to this definition and classification are incorporated herein by reference.

[0108] The tone heights range from 1 (black) to 10 (light blond), one unit corresponding to one tone; the higher the figure, the lighter the shade.

[0109] Prior to the process of dyeing with a lightening effect, the fibers have undergone a permanent reshaping process.

[0110] According to one embodiment, the reshaping treatment comprises:

- a) applying at least one alkaline aqueous composition with a pH of at least 10 to the keratin fibers, while smoothing out the keratin fibers;
- b) leaving the at least one alkaline aqueous composition on the keratin fibers for a time period that is sufficient to shape the keratin fibers; and
- c) optionally rinsing the keratin fibers, washing the keratin fibers with shampoo, rinsing the keratin fibers again, and optionally drying the keratin fibers.

[0111] The at least one alkaline aqueous composition is an aqueous solution comprising at least one alkali metal hydroxide, for example, sodium hydroxide.

[0112] It should be noted that the at least one alkaline aqueous composition may, for example, be provided in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion, the oily phase comprising, for example, liquid petroleum jelly.

[0113] The at least one alkali metal hydroxide may be present in an amount ranging from 1% to 4% by weight of the composition used during step (a).

[0114] Usually, step (a) is performed at room temperature.

[0115] The leave-in time may, for example, range from 3 to 30 minutes and, for example, from 5 to 15 minutes.

[0116] In another embodiment, the reshaping treatment comprises:

- a) applying at least one reducing composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one reducing agent to the keratin fibers;
- b) leaving the at least one reducing composition on the keratin fibers for a time period that is sufficient to shape them;
- c) rinsing the keratin fibers;
- d) applying at least one oxidizing composition;
- e) leaving the at least one oxidizing composition on the keratin fibers for a time period that is sufficient to fix the shape of the keratin fibers; and
- f) optionally rinsing the keratin fibers, washing the keratin fibers with shampoo, rinsed the keratin fibers and optionally drying the keratin fibers.

[0117] The at least one reducing composition used in step (a) of this process usually comprises, at least one reducing agent, chosen from thiols such as thioglycolic acid and thiolactic acid, salts thereof and esters thereof, cysteine, cysteamine and derivatives thereof, sulphites and bisulphites, for example, alkali metal, alkaline-earth metal and ammonium sulphites and bisulphites.

[0118] The at least one reducing agent may be present in an amount ranging from 1% to 30% by weight and, further, for example, from 5% to 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the at least one reducing composition.

[0119] In general, the medium for the at least one reducing composition may be chosen from water and mixtures of water and at least one cosmetically acceptable solvent. The solvents listed in the context of the composition comprising the at least one fluorescent dye may be used.

[0120] The solvent content may, for example, not be more than 20% by weight relative to the weight of the at least one reducing composition.

[0121] The at least one reducing composition may also comprise at least one additive chosen from those commonly used by those skilled in the art. For example, the at least one additive may be chosen from nonionic, anionic, cationic and amphoteric surfactants, such as, alkyl sulphates, alkylbenzene sulphates, alkyl ether sulphates, alkylsulphonates, quaternary ammonium salts, alkylbetaines, oxyethylenated alkylphenols, fatty acid alkanolamides, oxyethylenated fatty acid esters, and also other nonionic surfactants of the hydroxypropyl ether type.

[0122] When the at least one reducing composition comprises at least one additive of this type, the at least one additive may be present in an amount equal to less than 30% by weight and, further, for example, ranging from 0.5% to 10% by weight, relative to the total weight of the at least one reducing composition.

[0123] The at least one reducing composition may be provided in a form chosen from thickened and non-thickened lotions, creams, gels, and other suitable forms.

[0124] When the at least one reducing composition is intended for relaxing and/or straightening the hair, the at least one reducing composition may, for example, be in the form of a thickened cream so as to keep the hair as straight as possible. These creams are made in the form of "heavy" emulsions, obtained, for example, by emulsifying an aqueous phase, for example, comprising the at least one reducing agent, and an oily phase (plant oil, liquid paraffin, fatty acid esters or wax, for example).

[0125] Liquids or gels comprising thickeners, such as carboxyvinyl polymers or copolymers that "stick" the hairs together and hold them in the smooth position during the leave-in time, may also be used.

[0126] If the process is intended to make the fibers curly, these fibers are placed under tension using curlers, before, during or after applying the composition.

[0127] The leave-in time may, for example, range from 3 to 30 minutes, for example, from 5 to 15 minutes.

[0128] The at least one oxidizing composition used during step (d) conventionally comprises at least one oxidizing agent, for example, chosen from aqueous hydrogen peroxide solution, alkali metal bromate, persalt and polythionate.

[0129] The pH of the at least one oxidizing composition may, for example, range from 2 to 10.

[0130] The leave-in time may, for example, range from 3 to 30 minutes and, for example, from 5 to 15 minutes.

[0131] For example, the hair impregnated with the at least one oxidizing composition may be rinsed thoroughly, generally with water. Before or after rinsing, the keratin fibers may be separated from the means required to keep them under tension.

[0132] The dyeing process may be performed on dry or wet fibers, immediately or not immediately after the reshaping process.

[0133] In one embodiment, the dyeing process disclosed herein comprises applying at least one composition as defined above to the fibers, for example, hair, for a time period that is sufficient to develop the desired coloration and lightening, rinsing the fibers, optionally washing the fibers with shampoo, rinsed again and drying the fibers.

[0134] The time period required to develop the coloration and to obtain the lightening effect on the fibers, for example, the hair, may range from 5 to 60 minutes and, for example, from 5 to 40 minutes.

[0135] The temperature required to develop the coloration and to obtain the lightening effect may, for example, range from room temperature (15 to 25°C) to 80°C and, for example, from 15 to 40°C.

[0136] It should be noted that the at least one composition disclosed herein, if used to treat keratin fibers, such as chestnut-brown hair, may make it possible to achieve at least one of the following results:

[0137] If the reflectance of the hair is measured when it is irradiated with visible light in the wavelength range from 400 to 700 nanometers, and if the curves of reflectance as a function of the wavelength are compared for hair treated with the composition disclosed herein and untreated hair, it was found that the reflectance curve corresponding to the treated hair, in a wavelength range from 500 to 700 nanometers, was higher than that corresponding to the untreated hair.

[0138] This means that, in the wavelength range from 500 to 700 nanometers, and for example, from 540 to 700 nanometers, there is at least one range in which the reflectance curve corresponding to the treated hair is higher than the reflectance curve corresponding to the untreated hair. As used herein, the term "higher than" means a difference of at least 0.05% and, for example, of at least 0.1% of reflectance.

[0139] However, it is pointed out that there may be, within the wavelength range from 500 to 700 nanometers and, for example, from 540 to 700 nanometers, at least one range wherein the reflectance curve corresponding to the treated fibers is either superimposable on or lower than the reflectance curve corresponding to the untreated fibers.

[0140] For example, the wavelength at which the difference is maximal between the reflectance curve for the treated hair and that for the untreated hair is in the wavelength

range from 500 to 650 nanometers and, for example, in the wavelength range from 550 to 620 nanometers.

[0141] Further, for example, the at least one composition may be capable of lightening the hair and the skin in a shade which, measured in the CIEL $L^*a^*b^*$ system, has a variable b^* of greater than or equal to 6, with a $b^*/\text{absolute value of } a^*$ ratio of greater than 1.2 according to the selection test described below.

Selection test

[0142] The composition was applied to chestnut-brown keratin fibers, for example, the hair, at a rate of 10 grams of composition per 1 gram of chestnut-brown fibers. The composition was spread on so as to cover all of the fibers. The composition was left to act for 20 minutes at room temperature (20 to 25°C). The fibers were then rinsed with water and then washed with a shampoo based on lauryl ether sulphate. They were then dried. The spectrophotometric characteristics of the fibers were then measured in order to determine the $L^*a^*b^*$ coordinates.

[0143] In the CIEL $L^*a^*b^*$ system, a^* and b^* indicate two color axes: a^* indicates the green/red color axis ($+a^*$ is red, $-a^*$ is green) and b^* indicates the blue/yellow color axis ($+b^*$ is yellow and $-b^*$ is blue); values close to zero for a^* and b^* correspond to grey shades.

[0144] Other than in the operating example, or where otherwise indicated, all numbers expressing quantities of ingredients, reaction conditions, and so forth used in the specification and claims are to be understood as being modified in all instances by the term "about." Accordingly, unless indicated to the contrary, the numerical parameters set forth in the following specification and attached claims are approximations that may vary

depending upon the desired properties sought to be obtained by the present invention. At the very least, and not as an attempt to limit the application of the doctrine of equivalents to the scope of the claims, each numerical parameter should be construed in light of the number of significant digits and ordinary rounding approaches.

Notwithstanding that the numerical ranges and parameters setting forth the broad scope of the invention are approximations, the numerical values set forth in the specific examples are reported as precisely as possible. Any numerical value, however, inherently contain certain errors necessarily resulting from the standard deviation found in their respective testing measurements. The following example is intended to illustrate the invention without limiting the scope as a result.

EXAMPLE

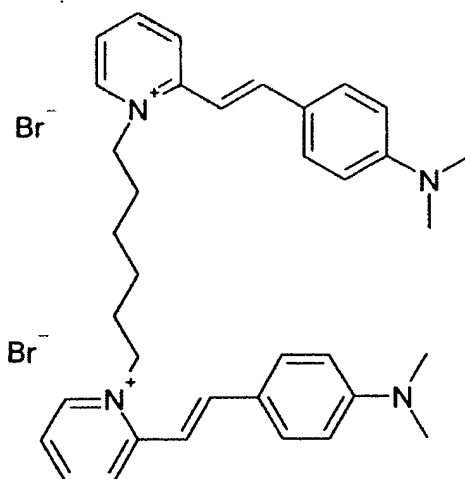
[0145] A water-in-liquid petroleum jelly emulsion comprising a sodium hydroxide solution at 3% by weight was applied to a lock of African hair, while smoothing it out, for 15 minutes, after which the lock was rinsed thoroughly.

[0146] The composition below, prepared in accordance with the present disclosure, was then applied:

Fluorescent compound (*)	0.6%
Sodium N-cocoylamidoethyl-N-ethoxycarboxymethylglycinate	2%
Hexylene glycol	7%
Distilled water qs	100 g

[0147] The percentages are expressed as the weight of active material.

(*) Fluorescent compound:



[0148] This compound was obtained according to the method below:

[0149] 93 g of 2-picoline were reacted with 120 g of 1,6-dibromohexane in dimethylformamide at 110°C for 5 hours.

[0150] The precipitated product was recovered and filtered off.

[0151] 109 g of the product obtained above was dissolved in methanol and 82.82 g of p-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde was added in two portions, in the presence of pyrrolidine.

[0152] The mixture was then left for 30 minutes.

[0153] The product was recovered in precipitated form.

[0154] Analysis by mass spectroscopy: 266.

[0155] Elemental analysis: C: 62.43%; H: 6.40%; Br: 23.07%; N: 8.09%.

[0156] The formula was as follows: $C_{36}H_{44}N_4 \cdot 2Br$.

[0157] The composition was applied to the treated lock, with a leave-in time of 20 minutes. The lock was then rinsed and dried under a hood for 30 minutes.

[0158] A marked lightening of the lock of hair was obtained.